

"KILL WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST," WAS ALLEGED ORDER GIVEN BY MRS. RENA MOONEY

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, July 19.—Characterizing Mrs. Rena Mooney on trial for murder of one of the victims of the preparedness parade bomb explosion here last July as "a cold blooded slayer of women and children and an anarchistic conspirator," District Attorney Charles M. Fickert asked for her conviction and the infliction of the death penalty in his opening address to the jury. Waving the blood-stained clothing of George Lawlor, one of the victims of the explosion, before the jury, Fickert declared:

"Either you will destroy anarchy or the anarchists will destroy the state."

"Not only would the anarchists destroy this nation, but they would tear down those institutions through which we have reached our present standards of civilization—the home, the church and the school," Fickert added.

Fickert declared Mrs. Mooney gave orders to Warren K. Billings now under sentence of life imprisonment for one of the bomb murders, to proceed to the scene of the explosion and "kill women and children first."

Billings was alleged to have placed

ed the bomb which the state contends was in a suit case.

That the efforts of the defendant to prove an alibi for herself were "lies conceived by one old and schooled in crime," was the declaration of Fickert.

"The defendants in these bomb cases knew how to fix and frame an alibi," he continued.

"This is the most important case that has ever been tried before an American court, not excepting the trial of those who assassinated the immortal Lincoln," continued Fickert.

"This defendant and her fellow anarchists, in the time of peace and tranquility murdered ten men and women, and maimed fifty persons because they were bent on destroying the very government which Lincoln preserved and defended and for which he gave his life."

Fickert asked the jury to "cast away all the maudlin sentimentalities that have been indulged in because the defendant is a woman."

"It is important that the death penalty of anarchy be issued out of this court," he said. "The defendant is not only condemned by the testimony of scores of disinterested wit-

nesses, but she is damned by the writings of the conspirators, found in her possession."

Fickert said Mrs. Mooney's handbag contained "no innocent powder puff, but instead contained bullets. Books on dynamite instead of books on childhood and prayer were found in her apartment, said Fickert."

He said Mrs. Mooney was the Mrs. Suratt of the bomb conspiracy and that she should pay the penalty for the blood she has shed as Mrs. Suratt was made to pay the penalty for the murder of Lincoln.

"Alexander Berkman was at the head of this anarchistic conspiracy," said Fickert. He called Berkman the arch-anarchist of the United States.

Fickert concluded his argument this morning and Maxwell McNutt opened for the defense. It is expected the case will reach the jury Saturday.

We men do a lot of growling over the fashions of women, but are we not responsible for them? We would not like any other kind. — Los Angeles Times.

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FOODSTUFFS MORE VALUABLE THAN MONEY TO THE COUNTRY

CHICAGO, July 19. — Walter H. Sage of Chicago, chairman of the western conservation committee of the national board of fire underwriters, declares that the man who owns a considerable quantity of foodstuff today is placed in a different position than ever before as regards a possible fire loss. Mr. Sage, in commenting on this subject, said that heretofore a man or corporation that owned 500,000 bushels of wheat did not bear any particular relationship to the people. If he had a fire the insurance companies paid the loss and no one suffered thereby.

These days, Mr. Sage holds, when any sort of foodstuffs is consumed by fire the insurance companies may pay the loss and yet hundreds of people may be on the verge of starvation, and this very quantity of food might alleviate their suffering.

Mr. Sage's committee is visiting every state in the west, getting in touch with the state authorities, such as the governor, insurance commissioner, state fire marshal, state

council of defense, and organizing associations, to conserve food supplies from fire. All hands are working together to remove fire hazards, to place safeguards around elevators, packing plants, food warehouses, and repositories of all kinds.

In addition, supplies of coal, fertilizer, leather, and cotton, sawmills and the like are being carefully inspected and watched to prevent loss by fire. Mr. Sage said that the war has brought about an altogether different relationship between owners of vital resources and the people. They occupy a more important position today in the estimation of Mr. Sage and his committee than the president of a bank, because they possess something that is more necessary than money. As time goes on, the national board of fire underwriters is taking a more active part in cooperating with the national council of defense.

Mr. Sage states that within a month's time there will be 1,000 men in the western states giving their

attention to inspecting and reinspecting properties of all kinds that house vital resources. The insurance interests are taking up this work with no thought of self-advertising or promotion. The men are not allowed to solicit business or talk insurance while they are making the rounds inspecting properties. They are impersonal so far as fire insurance is concerned. Their work is purely one for the national good and for the benefit of all the people.

Already where states have been organized, like Wisconsin, Ohio and Michigan, the field has been divided into districts, coinciding with the congressional districts, a committee has been appointed to take charge of the properties in these districts, make inspections, report to general headquarters and the state authorities. Where it is found that there is not adequate watchman service, or that there are dangerous fire hazards, the subject is taken up immediately with the owners or operators.

2 YEARS WAR IS LOOKED FOR

Important interests in Wall street have reached the belief that the war will be a prolonged one—that is, running over several years—that this country will expend and lend at least \$10,000,000,000, and that 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 of United States troops may be required. This is not a prediction but the expression of belief.

With this prospect ahead, the foremost things that appear to confront the country are the really huge expenditures which will be made in this country and the contraction in male labor which will follow the sending abroad of armies. In the first instance it should mean higher prices and credit inflation, and, in the second, higher wages and the introduction of female labor.

It is with the money situation that immediate concern exists and it seems an easy prediction to look for increasing circulation and up-and-down interest rates with each payment and redistribution of government loans, and with all, higher prices for everything a fixed certainty.

In the coming period of the war the federal reserve bank system will be tried out and its effectiveness demonstrated in the equalization of rates for money in the different sec-

tions of the country, and for this function the reserve system, it is believed, is now or will be well prepared. In the last four weeks the reserve board at Washington has effected plans for the working together of the twelve reserve banks to meet conditions specifically brought about by the raising of the \$2,000,000,000 Liberty loan and the sale to the banks of over \$900,000,000 of United States treasury certificates of indebtedness.

Thus far conditions have been met without disturbance of consequence, though there is an apparent factitious effort in some sections of the west to temporarily secure better rates.

To further aid in expansion and utilize credit, several amendments to the federal reserve act are pending before congress, one of which permits the federal reserve banks to discount domestic acceptances. Heretofore acceptances were limited to goods imported or exported, but the proposed amendment will create a large new source of credit for the reserve banks, and it may be predicted that before the war is over the federal reserve, national and state banking systems of the United States will have learned how to utilize about every scrap of possible credit.

HOW GERMANY GETS ALCOHOL

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 18.—Information coming into the hands of the various secret services of the government is revealing daily new evidences of the activities of German agents in the United States. These agents are not confined to persons of German nationality, but include Norwegians, Swedes, Dutch, and other nationalities.

Their operations extend to an infinite variety of employments other than spying, but next to that the principal work is to obtain innocent appearing commodities from which Germany can manufacture munitions. Norwegians have purchased in this country an article known as sugar house sirup, a waste product in the manufacture of sugar. The Norwegians claimed they wanted it as fertilizer, but it was discovered that by distilling it the Germans obtained an alcohol which was used in the manufacture of smokeless powder.

Fertilizers bought in America have been discovered to be saturated with lubricating oils, which were extracted by the Germans, and used in their great armor and munition plants and for various purposes at the front.

The government is understood to be checking up on German banking institutions and their agents. One American concern owned by the Deutsche bank was disposed of by that concern just before the United States entered the war and within twenty-four hours after the sale a ship in Baltimore with \$7,000,000 of its gold set sail for Argentina, which it reached safely. There is believed to be an organization in existence in America from which Germany is replenishing her gold stocks.

ALIMONY QUEEN AND HER AFFINITY

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 19. — Tacoma's \$20,000 "alimony queen," Mrs. E. T. Bates, and Glenn Edwards, former wholesale druggist in Tacoma, Wash., are being held here by the police. The pair were taken into custody at the exclusive Plaza hotel, where they had lived together for a week, police say. Mrs. Bates left her 9 year old daughter in Tacoma and Edwards left behind a wife and two small children.

Mrs. Bates, a pretty blonde, about 30 years old, at the police station, declared undying love for Edwards and said she was sure his arrest was caused by her former husband and Mrs. Edwards, the deserted wife. Police say they are holding Edwards on a warrant from Tacoma on a charge he appropriated \$50 collected for a bank.

"I'm sorry for the disgrace I've brought to his wife and little children, but I love him more than anybody else in the world," Mrs. Bates said.

It was learned here that the husband, a Tacoma merchant, is coming to St. Louis to induce her to go back home.

"It will do him no good," she said.

Mrs. Bates, it is said, divorced Bates about two months ago and he gave her \$20,000 alimony. Edwards' drug company recently failed. The Puget Sound bank took over the stock and he has acted as salesman for it. Mrs. Bates insisted she came to St. Louis alone and met Edwards here.

The arrival on the firing line of the troops of General Pershing will be followed on the other side of No Man's Land by general perishing.—Pittsburg Post.

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MINT EMPLOYEES MUST WORK

(By Associated Press.)
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